

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, January 8, 2008 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, S. Carroll, P. Collington, S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, and W. O'Connor.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2008 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Reorganization

Mr. Carroll motioned to appoint Ms. Stillinger as Chairperson, Mr. Raadam 2nd with all in favor. Ms. Stillinger motioned to appoint Ms. Abbott as Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Carroll 2nd with all in favor.

Minutes

Minutes from December 4, 2007 meeting were approved. P. Payton motioned to accept and O. Raadam 2nd with all in favor.

Events

Thurs. Jan 10, 2008 1:30-4 PM, NJDEP Public Hearing Room 401 East State Street, Trenton. NJDEP Commissioner Jackson's presentation & discussion with Northeast Climate Impacts Assessment (NECIA) scientists involved in preparing July 2007 report: "Confronting Climate Change in the US Northeast: Science, Impacts, and Solutions."

Sat. Jan 12, 2008, 10-4, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Assoc. Workshop on sustainable lawn care and land stewardship practices through Integrate Pest Management techniques. K. Abbott speaker

Thurs. Jan 17 7-9 PM, Morris County Cultural Center. The Highlands Regional Master Plan: What It All Means.

Thurs. Jan 31 10 AM Chatham Borough Hall PVGWPC meeting.

Wed. Feb. 27 6:45 Clarence Dillon Library, Bedminster, New Flood Hazard Rules & Stream Protection. ANJEC Roadshow.

March 2008 Environmental Commissioners' Course. ANJEC workshop for new EC members. Every EC member should attend workshop at least once.

Grants

CTEC was awarded a free copy of the GIS mapping program ArcView for 2008 from the ESRI Corp.

Grant notice received from the Garden Club of Somerset Hills for their Community Grants Program. They award grants up to \$1,000 for education and plantings. Deadline February 29, 2008.

Grant notice received from ANJEC for 2008 planning grants for NJ municipalities and counties. This is a pass-through grant from the Dodge Foundation. Acceptable projects include groundwater analysis, land use ordinances for green building and energy, plan for bike paths and trails, ordinances protecting steep slopes, stream corridors and well head areas, regional plans to protect natural resources.

Application/LOI Review

130 Meyersville Rd, Bl. 12 Lot 11. Dudley - WITHDRAWN from Planning Board 1/7/08 meeting (COAH reviewing new guidelines. D. Stillinger)

29 Hampton Rd, Bl. 48.10 L 29. Goodheart - Wetlands application for General Permit #8 for 750 sf addition to existing house. Power lines, NJDEP mapped wetlands, Red-shouldered hawk and blue spotted salamander sighted. Approval from NJDEP based on site walk from 12/8 (O. Raadam & D. Stillinger) - letter approved with minor changes to NJDEP S. Hoag motioned to approve & P. Collington 2nd with all in favor. CLOSED

55 Mountain Ave., Bl. 37 Lot 5.01. Majmudar – Application to Planning Board to construct house with variances – front yard setback, house size. 11 trees proposed for removal plus additional trees along driveway. Planning Board rejected first application. CTEC memo to PB 10/4/07. PENDING

Oak Knoll School – continuing drainage problems regarding replacement of an existing stormwater pipe within DEP conservation easement, public hearing 9/11/07. DEP and Twp Engineer had no objection. CTEC following application. PENDING

Reports

CTEC Annual Report – approved with minor change.

Planning Board – Dudley application withdrawn – COAH reviewing new guidelines. D. Stillinger

Open Space – Bike loop approved at 11/07. Committee reviewing parking issues and the use of PSE&G's land. S. Hoag

Township Committee – proposing to make walking path on Kirby property. Mr.

O'Connor suggests for commission to gather information and issues that commission needs funding for and he will propose to Township Committee. W. O'Connor

Energy Subcommittee – Presentation made to Township Committee. S. Carroll

Anti-idling campaign – Signs ordered (100+) to be shipped. Up coming week long Anti-Idling event to be held at schools. K. Abbott & P. Collington

PVGWPC – Passaic Valley Ground Water - educate public on global water, Morris County (Planning Board) is using a computer water model to study water supply, run off, etc. P. Collington

MUA – meeting 1/3/08 new recycling requirements and enforcement from State. Twp will need to revise twp's. current ordinance to conform with new regulations (e.g.

definitions of recyclables and Planning Board may want to review re: construction recyclables and multi housing construction plans. P. Collington

Letters Sent

12/07 – 815 River Rd to NJDEP

Mail Received

Minutes – Long Hill Twp & Chatham Borough EC

Various newsletters, event announcements, flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Carolyn Scannelli

Minutes Secretary